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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER'S COMMENTS ON
AFRICAN DEVELOPMENTS

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1. I HAD BRIEF DISCUSSION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER AT SOCIAL OCCASION MAY 24.
2. SPEAKING ABOUT HIS RECENT VISIT TO ZAIRE, GENSCHER SAID SITUATION SEEMED GREATLY IMPROVED AND MOBUTU APPEARED FULL OF CONFIDENCE. GENSCHER NOTED THAT SOMETIMES IT WAS DIFFICULT TO SEPARATE FACT FROM FANTASY RE ZAIRE, BUT OVERALL HE RETURNED ENCOURAGED.
3. GENSCHER CONFIRMED PREVIOUSLY REPORTED DETAILS OF HIS TALK WITH FOREIGN MINISTER OF CONGO/BRAZZAVILLE AND LATTER'S EXPRESSED INTENTION OF IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH "HIS AMERICAN FRIENDS." GENSCHER SAID OBENGA WOULD BE COMING TO BONN SOON AND THAT MFA WAS PLEASED TO FACILITATE CONTACTS BETWEEN HIM AND U.S. REPRESENTATIVE. GENSCHER SAID IT WAS CLEAR THAT SOVIET
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ACTIONS IN ANGOLA AND THE INVASION OF ZAIRE HAD PROFOUND ADVERSE IMPACT ON BRAZZAVILLE AND HAD HELPED BRING ABOUT SHIFT IN LATTER'S POLICY.

4. GENSCHER SPOKE MOST FAVORABLY ABOUT PRESENT COURSE OF U.S. POLICY TOWARD SOUTH AFRICA. IN PARTICULAR, HE PRAISED VICE PRESIDENT'S DIRECT AND FRANK TALK WITH

VORSTER, U.S. ROLE AT MAPUTO AND AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S
SPEECH TO BUSINESSMEN IN SOUTH AFRICA. GENSCHER SAID
HE WAS PLEASED WITH U.S.-FRG COOPERATION AT MAPUTO.
GENSCHER RELATED THAT SOUTH AFRICANS PREVIOUSLY HAD
TOLD HIM THEY WOULD TAKE WESTERN PRESSURES FOR CHANGE
SERIOUSLY "WHEN U.S. GETS INTO THE ACT." NOW THIS
WAS TAKING PLACE AND GENSCHER WELCOMED IT.
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